

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2600 - HB 3315

March 27, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires spiritual leaders responsible for the solemnization of marriages to present proof of ordination, regular service as a spiritual leader, and authorization from a religious organization that such individual is authorized to perform such ceremonies. County clerks would then issue a certificate authorizing qualifying individuals to perform ceremonies for a period of one year. Provides that solemnizing a marriage without a certificate is a Class B misdemeanor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Not Significant
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Exceeds \$200,000*

Assumptions:

- An average of \$2,000 per county for administrative expenses by clerks to issue and review such certificates.
- There will not be a sufficient number of Class B misdemeanor convictions for local governments to experience a significant increase or decrease in revenues or expenditures.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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